

REMARKS

By amendment herein, all rejected claims have been cancelled. Thus, except for the issue of the Declaration discussed below, this application is in condition for allowance.

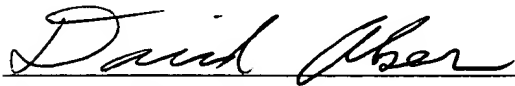
It is noted that an Information Disclosure Statement, Petition and Certification as Specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e) for this application was mailed to the United States Patent and trademark office on November 29, 2000. In the next communication, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner make the documents cited therein of record. If the Examiner is missing this document, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any missing item can be supplied to the Examiner.

The undersigned is in the process of obtaining a new declaration form the inventors, which will be submitted shortly.

Petition For Extension of Time and Fees

Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time in which to file this Amendment. Please charge deposit account no. 16-1350 for the fee of \$110 for this extension of time and for any additional fee which may be required with this Amendment. A duplicate of this last page is enclosed.

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